judgement in respect of bulk drugs and formulations, as the case may be, is still in progress and has not yet been finalised.

Decontrol on the price of Glybenclamide

1656. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the decontrolling the price of Glybenclamide;

(b) whether it is also a fact that decontrol was contrary to the five criteria of Kelkar Committee;

(c) if so, the details of principles applied in the removal of drug from price control;

(d) whether it is also a fact that it has enabled the company to charge Rs. 3.50 crores extra per annum from public;

(e) if so, what was the price of Glybenclamide formulations before price decontrol and what is the present price; and

(f) what was the sales turn over of these formulations during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) Glybenclamide has been exempted from price control on a specific recommendation made by the Kelkar Committee in its Supplementary Report, a copy of which is available in the Parliament Library. As per available information, the price of Glybenclamide Tablets (5 mg was fixed by the Government at Rs. 8.88 (10x10's) under DPCO 1987. As per company's price list (Dec. 1990) its price is Rs. 17.00 (10x10's strip)|

Sales turn over of formulations is not monitored.

Findings of Cost studies on Drugs

1657. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have detected some errors, omissions and commissions in the findings of cost studies on drug by BICP;

(b) if so, what are the details and names of bulk drugs and formulations involved;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such instances have been brought to the notice of Industry Ministry; and

(d) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) Price of bulk drug is fixed by the Ministry after examination of the report on cost-cum-technical study of the bulk drug submitted by BICP. In certain cases, clarifications are sought from BICP on their recommendations before arriving at a final decision.

Price of bulk Insulin

1658. DR. RANAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have reduced the price of bulk insulin under DPCO, 1987;

(b) if so, when and what was the earlier and reduced price;

(c) when were the formulation prices reduced based on this drug and what were the earlier and reduced price of each;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the formulator increased the prices instead of reducing by marketing under generic name; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken so far to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The price of bulk insulin was reduced on 6-3-1990 from the existing level of Rs. 14,970/- to Rs. 13,991/- per M.U. The pre-reduced price was fixed on 20-6-1985.

(c) to (e) As per available information, the formulations based on bulk insulin are being marketed in generic names. Under DPCO, 1987, single ingredient Category II formulations sold under generic name are exempt from price control and manufacturers are free to charge their own prices.